



**Public Affairs Office
Commander, U.S. Third Fleet**

**Navy Region Hawaii
Public Affairs Office
Tel (808) 473-2888**

Media interested in covering the ships' return are requested to contact Chief Bauer, Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office at 473-3788 or 590-8363.

USS Chung-Hoon returns from Western Pacific

Pearl Harbor, HI – The guided-missile destroyer, USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) will return to Pearl Harbor, October 12, from an independent deployment to the 7th Fleet area of responsibility (AOR) in the Western Pacific Ocean.

Chung-Hoon performed Maritime Interdiction Operations and provided support for anti-insurgency operations in the Sulu Sea. She also worked with forward deployed naval forces conducting freedom of navigation operations. The Hawaii-based warship participated in the annual Cooperative Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) exercise with the Republic of Singapore Navy for the second consecutive year.

Chung-Hoon embarked Light Helicopter Squadron 37 (HSL 37), Detachment 4 as her air department. The squadron provided aerial support on deployment using an SH-60B helicopter.

USS Chung-Hoon is commanded by CDR Stephen Erb, with a crew of more than 250 officer and enlisted personnel.

Guided-missile destroyers are multi-mission surface combatants providing anti-air warfare, anti-submarine warfare and anti-surface warfare capabilities. They operate independently in support of Carrier and Expeditionary Strike Groups and surface strike groups.

Chung-Hoon helps provide deterrence, promote peace and security and preserve freedom of the seas supporting the Navy's Maritime Strategy when forward deployed.

-USN-